

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a division of Application No. 10/156,659 filed May 29, 2002 and currently pending in Art Unit 1755. In the parent application an Amendment was filed on January 30, 2004 presenting claims 15-34. Examiner Karl Group held claims 29-34 to be directed to subject matter patentably distinct from claims 15-28 and required restriction.

Applicants elected claims 15-28.

Claims 15-20 of this application correspond to non-elected claims 29-34 of the parent application.

New claim 15 is directed to a magnetic information recording medium having a glass substrate in which the surface where a magnetic recording layer is formed does not have a chemically strengthened layer. Further, the above glass substrate contains B_2O_3 and is constituted of a glass having the glass composition specified in original claim 5.

Claim 15 is a combination of original claims 5, 12 and 14. Claim 16 is a combination of claim 15 and original claim 1 or 5. Claim 17 is a combination of claim 15 and original claim 2 or 7. Claim 18 is a combination of claim 15 and original claim 3. In claim 19, the more preferable content of B_2O_3 is described in the present specification, page 10, paragraph [0026]. In claim 20, a still more preferable content of B_2O_3 is described in the present specification, page 10, paragraph [0026].

Please examine claims 15-20 taking into account the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

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